



Minutes from Board Meeting No. 81 The Housing Agency

Date	14 th April 2020											
Venue	Video Conference Call											
Time	17.30											
Chaired	Michael Carey											
Board Members	Tony O'Brien, Fiona Lawless, John O'Connor, Donal McManus. David Duffy, Mary Hurley, Frank Curran											
Apologies	John Burke											
Attendees	David Silke, Susanna Lyons											
Minute Taker	Ciara Galvin											
	Decision	Action										
1	Preliminaries											
1a	Minutes of Meeting #80, 24th March 2020 Read and noted as a fair reflection of the meeting. The Board will have the opportunity to note any further comments at meeting 82 scheduled for the 28 th April 2020											
1b	Matters Arising Reported and noted.											
1c	Declaration of Interests None declared.											
1d	Chairman's Opening Statement Michael Carey welcomed members to the 81 st Meeting.											
2	Rent Pressure Zone Proposal											
	<p>David Silke presented the proposal before the Board to consider a total of five local electoral areas for referral to the Minister under the (legislation). The Board resolved to refer the five sites to the Minister for consideration as rent pressure zones.</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>Cork</td><td>Mallow</td></tr><tr><td>Kerry</td><td>Killarney</td></tr><tr><td>Kildare</td><td>Athy</td></tr><tr><td>Offaly</td><td>Tullamore</td></tr><tr><td>Westmeath</td><td>Mullingar</td></tr></table> <p>The current process is to be reviewed and reported back to the Board.</p>	Cork	Mallow	Kerry	Killarney	Kildare	Athy	Offaly	Tullamore	Westmeath	Mullingar	Issue referral letter to the Minister
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	Discussion held in respect of the procedure of analysis and how the Board should receive it going forward. Mary confirmed she could liaise with the appropriate official within the DHPLG to discuss areas in respect of the improvements to the process.	Review of Procedure to be undertaken in liaison with the DHPLG
3.	Designation of Essential Projects (COVID-19) Social Housing	
	<p>Mary Hurley DHPLG noted that as the request for the Housing Agency to undertake this work issued from her on behalf of the DHPLG it was prudent to step out of the meeting for this piece.</p> <p>John O' Connor outlined the request received from the DHPLG in respect of work being sought and the purpose of the state requiring this work to be undertaken. Susanna Lyons provided further details of the process and the Housing Delivery Co-ordination Office consultation with local authorities involvement.</p> <p>A resolution was proposed to provide the Chief Executive with sanction to undertake this function in line with the parameters and procedures that the DHPLG have set out.</p> <p>It was noted that reports will be provided to the Board on a weekly list of designations made.</p> <p>It was reported that the Construction Industry Federation have prepared a standard approach on COVID-19 for all construction projects, in the context of returning to work and is a very good document.</p> <p>The Agency was in consultation with the CIF and HBFI in relation to the designation of social housing projects. The Agency will ensure that it specifies that any construction that continues must be do so in the context of the public health measures in place and in conjunction with construction sector advice and guidance. It was noted that the OGP and DPER are working on the state response for all contracts.</p>	Weekly Report to be circulated to the Board on designations
4.	AOB	
	<p>It was noted that a message of thanks and commendation had been received from the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government for the Housing Agency and its response during COVID-19.</p> <p>Board meeting #82 scheduled for 28th April 2020 and will be facilitated as a virtual meeting.</p>	

Chairperson

Date

Appendix
Action Items arising from Board Meeting No. 81

Housing Agency

	Summary of Decision/Action	Responsibility/Tim eframe
1.	<p>Rent Pressure Zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issue referral to Minister ▪ Procedures and Process to be reviewed and liaison with the DHPLG to be undertaken 	<p>Executive</p> <p>April 2020 May 2020</p>
2.	<p>Designation of Essential Housing Projects</p> <p>Weekly report to the board to be issued</p>	<p>Executive</p> <p>Commence reporting week commencing the 20th April</p>